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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980072

To implement extended local  
service from its Braddock  
exchange to the Arcola  
exchange of GTE South, Inc.

FINAL ORDER

On May 12, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, proposing to notify its customers in the Braddock exchange of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary for extending their local service to include GTE South's ("GTE") Arcola exchange. Customers in the Arcola exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Braddock. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, a majority of the Arcola customers responding supported paying higher rates for local calling to Braddock. A poll of Braddock subscribers was not required under § 56-484.2A of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase for one-party residential customers did not exceed five percent of the existing one-party residential monthly rate.

By Order dated June 8, 1998, the Commission directed BA-VA to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until August 14, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. The Commission received no comments or requests for hearing.

On July 24, 1998, BA-VA filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's June 8, 1998 Order.

On September 1, 1998, the Commission Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that BA-VA's application to implement extended local service from its Braddock exchange to GTE's Arcola exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from BA-VA's Braddock exchange to GTE's Arcola exchange shall be implemented.

(2) BA-VA shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) This matter shall be dismissed and the papers shall be placed in the Commission's file for ended causes.